

School Business – August 7, 2020

The FBS website continues to be updated with COVID-19 policies and information related to School Business and operations, as well as our ongoing operations. Please check this site regularly for updates: www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services.

Recent posts:

- Schedule of COVID Funds as of August 6, 2020
- COVID Allotment Policy Manual 2020-21 Updated August 6, 2020

UG Procurement Requirements and CARES Act Funds

When conducting procurement with CARES Act funds, the applicability of the Uniform Guidance procurement requirements depends on the specific source within the CARES Act for the funds that are being used to conduct the procurement. As funds received as part of an LEA or charter school's K-12 Emergency Relief Funds (PRC 163) are grant funds, any procurements must be completed in accordance with all applicable Uniform Guidance procurement requirements, as well as any relevant State or local procurement requirements.

However, funding received as part of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (e.g., PRCs 121, 124, 125, etc.) do not qualify as grant funds and are instead considered "other Federal financial assistance." Under Uniform Guidance §200.101 ([2 C.F.R. 200.101](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2013/04/15/2013-08042-uniform-guidance)), the Uniform Guidance procurement requirements in §200.318-200.326 only apply to grant agreements and cooperative agreements. As such, for procurements conducted with funding from Coronavirus Relief Fund PRCs, an LEA or charter school is only required to follow State and local procurement procedures.

If you have a question as to whether a PRC is K-12 Emergency Relief Funds or Coronavirus Relief Funds, please consult the "Schedule of COVID Funds" located on the DPI [Financial and Business Services website](http://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services). If you have any additional questions regarding the applicability of Uniform Guidance requirements to CARES Act funding, please contact John Keefer, Public School Budget Manager, at John.Keefer@dpi.nc.gov or (984) 236-2453.

Information from the Exceptional Children Division

for Finance Directors, Exceptional Children Directors/Charter EC Coordinators

PRC 132 Grants (COVID-19)

There are two separate applications for PRC 132. All Public School Units (PSUs) can apply for both. Maximum funding amounts for each application are [available here](#).

The [first application](#) was due by the close of business, July 31, 2020.

The [second application](#) was due by the close of business August 5, 2020.

There have been two allotments notifications sent to date. One on [Wednesday, July 22](#) and one on [Wednesday, July 29](#). Both of these memos correspond to allotments made for the first application, which was due July 31.

Second round applications are being reviewed and allotments will be made in the order they are received. We will continue to review applications weekly and send allotment notices with regular Wednesday Update communication to EC Directors/EC Charter Coordinators. In future allotment memos, the memo will indicate if it corresponds with the first (due July 31) or second (due August 5) application.

Allotments should be included in budget revisions in the near future, if not already received.

Additional information concerning COVID-19 Relief funds can be [found here](#).

Special Grants Update

The IDEA VI-B and PK Grant and Behavior Support (PRC 29) Grant are currently available in the NC CCIP platform. The Special Data and Programs Section is working to complete the development of the Special Grant applications in the platform. When completed the following grants will be in the platform:

- Risk Pool
- Special State Reserve
- Developmental Day Centers
- Community Residential Centers
- Group/Foster Homes
- Out of District

With the introduction of the new Special Grants Application process, the EC Division will no longer send an initial three-month allotment to LEAs for Developmental Day Centers and Community Residential Centers prior to the completion of the application. The NC CCIP platform will facilitate a timelier processing of the applications and allotment of funds.

Training on the applications will be scheduled in Early Fall.

Confirmation of Funds for Annual Financial Statement Audits by CPA firms

DPI is providing the appropriate reports to your independent auditors via the internet. These reports for FY20 are now posted in a public application at: <http://apps.schools.nc.gov/auditorconfirmationreports> (Annual Reports).

Please direct your independent auditor to the site provided.

Please contact Roxane Bernard at roxane.bernard@dpi.nc.gov with any questions.

Reminders

- August PSBCF and NBPSCF Lottery Distribution Requests - Monthly distribution requests are due by **August 21, 2020**
Details are in the July 31, 2020 newsletter. *
- 2020-21 Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund - Applications and supporting materials are due by **September 15, 2020**
Details are in the July 31, 2020 newsletter. *

* www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/financial-and-business-services/school-district-finance-operations/procedures-and-guidance#newsletter



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